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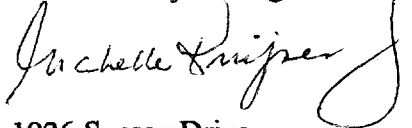
Dear Dr. Henney,

I am writing to urge you to tell you my concerns over the FDA's regulation of GE / genetically engineered food. I would like the agency's current policies to be changed. I support all the points in docket #00P - 1211 / CP1.

I would like to see the following become a permanent law:

1. ALL genetically engineered foods or foods which contain GE foods should be labeled so I can make the choice to buy or not.
2. GE foods should not be *assumed* to be GRAS or "generally recognized as safe". This does put the public at risk because *the long-term risks* to our health and the environment cannot be assessed. I do not like the fact that me, my family, my friends, beneficial insects such as butterflies and the environment are becoming guinea pigs as to the effects of GE foods. It should be mandatory to do safety testing BEFORE a GE food comes to market.

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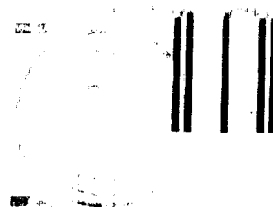


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